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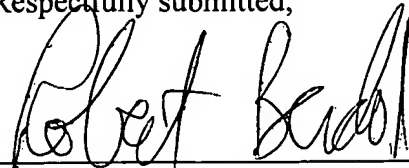
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**PARTICULARS**

- (1) Japanese Patent Laid-Open (KOKAI) No. 2000-019807  
Date of Publication: January 21, 2000  
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Date of Application: June 26, 1998  
Title of the Invention: COLOR IMAGE RECORDER

**EXPLANATION**

- (1) An English abstract of the document is enclosed.